

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate passed H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12343–S12388

Measures Introduced: Six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2119–2124, S.J. Res. 19, and S. Res. 338–340. **Page S12379**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2008”. (S. Rept. No. 110–186)

Report to accompany S. 1693, to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States. (S. Rept. No. 110–187) **Page S12379**

Measures Passed:

National Defense Authorization Act: By 92 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 359), Senate passed consideration of H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Levin (for Domenici/Bingaman) Modified Amendment No. 2937 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a cost-benefit analysis of the proposed funding reduction for the High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility. **Page S12355**

Levin (for Carper) Amendment No. 3028 (to Amendment No. 2011), to allow additional types of vehicles to be used to meet minimum Federal fleet requirements. **Pages S12355–56**

Levin (for Reed) Modified Amendment No. 3099 (to Amendment No. 2011), to make available from

Shipbuilding and Conversion for the Navy, \$1,172,710,000 for advanced procurement relating to the Virginia class submarine program. **Page S12356**

Levin (for Bennett) Amendment No. 3102 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require the Secretary of Energy to develop and implement a strategy to complete the remediation at the Moab site, and the removal of the tailings to the Crescent Junction site, in the State of Utah by not later than January 1, 2019. **Page S12356**

Levin (for Lott) Modified Amendment No. 2264 (to Amendment No. 2011), to improve the administration and oversight of the Armed Forces Retirement Home. **Pages S12356–57**

Levin (for Murray) Modified Amendment No. 2953 (to Amendment No. 2011), to assist school districts serving large numbers or percentages of military dependent children affected by the war in Iraq or Afghanistan, or by other Department of Defense personnel decisions. **Page S12357**

Levin (for Feingold) Modified Amendment No. 3005 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for 2 programs to authorize the use of leave by caregivers for family members of certain individuals performing military service. **Pages S12357–61**

Levin (for Lautenberg) Modified Amendment No. 2957 (to Amendment No. 2011), to authorize certain activities of the Maritime Administration. **Pages S12358–61**

Levin (for McCain) Modified Amendment No. 3103 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a pilot program on commercial fee-for-service air refueling support for the Air Force. **Page S12361**

Levin (for Nelson (FL)/Martinez) Amendment No. 3107 (to Amendment No. 2011), to modify the purposes for which the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation at the National Museum of Naval Aviation at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, may operate the National Flight Academy. **Page S12361**

Levin (for Sanders) Modified Amendment No. 3082 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide, with an offset, an additional \$15,000,000 Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, for a program of research on Gulf War illnesses. **Page S12361**

Levin (for Baucus/Tester) Modified Amendment No. 2325 (to Amendment No. 2011), relative to the removal of missiles from the 564th Missile Squadron. **Page S12361**

Levin (for Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 2897 (to Amendment No. 2011), to establish a Joint Pathology Center located at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. **Pages S12361–62**

Levin (for Kennedy/Biden) Modified Amendment No. 2068 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require reports on the mitigation of effects of explosively formed projectiles and mines. **Page S12362**

Levin (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 3112 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate on the Air Force Logistics Center. **Page S12362**

Levin (for Sessions) Modified Amendment No. 3032 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide an effective date for section 531. **Pages S12362–63**

Levin (for Sanders) Modified Amendment No. 2905 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a pilot program on military family readiness and servicemember reintegration. **Pages S12354, S12363–64**

Levin (for Hutchison) Modified Amendment No. 3027 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on the feasibility of establishing a Border State Aviation Training Center. **Page S12363**

By 51 yeas and 44 nays (Vote No. 358), Reid (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3058 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for certain public-private competition requirements. **Pages S12350, S12364–69**

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12350**

Withdrawn:

Reid (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3109 (to Amendment No. 3958), to provide for certain public-private competition requirements. **Pages S12350, S12368**

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of Friday, September 28, 2007, the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn.

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Levin, Kennedy, Byrd, Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Bayh, Clinton, Pryor, Webb, McCaskill, McCain, Warner, Inhofe, Sessions, Collins, Chambliss, Graham, Dole, Cornyn, Thune, Martinez, and Corker. **Page S12385**

National Passport Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 338, supporting the goals and ideals of National Passport Month. **Pages S12385–86**

Burma Sense of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 339, expressing the sense of the Senate on the situation in Burma. **Pages S12386–88**

Recognizing Outstanding Hispanic Scientists: Senate agreed to S. Res. 340, recognizing the efforts and contributions of outstanding Hispanic scientists in the United States. **Page S12388**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, the Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. **Page S12388**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Protocols of 2005 to the Convention concerning Safety of Maritime Navigation and to the Protocol concerning Safety of Fixed Platforms on the Continental Shelf (Treaty Doc. No. 110–8).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S12385**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Navy. **Page S12388**

Messages from the House: **Page S12379**

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Text of H.R. 1124 as Previously Passed: **Pages S12384–85**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—359) **Pages S12368–69, S12370**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12388.)